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Applicant(s): Eric Henderson et al. **Docket No.:** 016348-9005
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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In the matter of the above-identified application, and in response to the Office communication mailed November 1, 2002, Applicants reply as follows.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. In the Office communication, the Examiner identified two inventions: Group I (claims 1-13 and 17-20), drawn an apparatus for creating an array, and Group II (claims 14-16), drawn to a method for creating a deposition domain.

Applicants elect the Group I claims 1-13 and 17-20 with traverse.

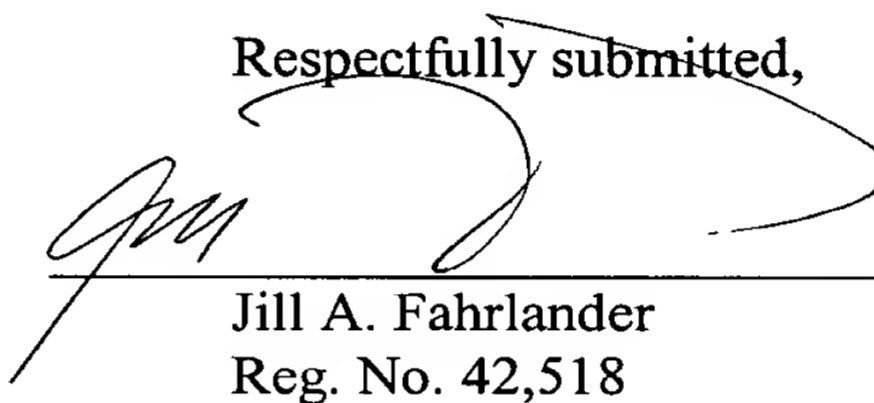
Applicants respectfully submit that all claims of the present application could be examined together without placing any serious burden on the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The claims of Groups I and II are so closely related to one another that, for efficiency, they should be examined in a single application.

For reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully submit that restriction of examination to one of the two groups of claims set forth in the Office Action would be improper under 35 U.S.C. §121. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

This response is accompanied by a request for a one-month extension of time, and by check number 46152 in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the fee required under 37 CFR 1.117(a)(1). No other fee is believed due in connection with this submission. Please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 50-0842 with any shortage or overpayment of the above fee.

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